

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed March 23, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 10-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-4 and 10-12 are allowed over the prior art of record.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding Claim 1, the invention as claimed, specifically in combination with a reference mark provided at a stationary position on the base frame, with calculating a positional relationship between optical axes of the board recognizing camera and the component recognizing camera based on respective positional relations of the reference mark, at the stationary position, relative to the optical axes of the component recognizing camera and the board recognizing camera, is not disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record.

Regarding Claims 2 and 3, the invention as claimed, specifically in combination with positioning the movable table to make the reference mark come in the visual field of the board recognizing camera and at the same time, to make the end of a component pick-up portion of the component placing device come in the visual field of the component recognizing camera; and calculating a positional relation between the board recognizing camera and a center line of the component pick-up portion based on positional relations of the reference mark and the center line of the component pick-up portion relative to an optical axis of the component recognizing camera which relations are detected by the component recognizing camera, is not disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record.

Regarding Claims 4 and 11, the invention as claimed, specifically in combination with positioning the movable table to a second position to make the end of a component pick-up portion of the component placing device come in the visual field of the component recognizing

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camera and detecting a positional relation between the optical axis of the component recognizing camera and a center line of the component pick-up portion by the use of the component recognizing camera, and calculating a positional relation between the optical axis of the board recognizing camera and the center line of the component pick-up portion based on the positional relation between the optical axis of the component recognizing camera and the center line of the component pick-up portion detected with the movable table being positioned at the second position, is not disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Yam whose telephone number is (571)272-2449. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on (571)272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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